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that he did not intend it, & no other one, I believe, saw the letter before it was sent, & in writing did not have the impression that the phrase was likely to convey what was practical value of those views. I have heard several here, who are good judges, remark that there was no publication in the country, which exhibited more talent than the Epe. I believe so far as I am able to learn, it meets the approbation of those who are acquainted with it, and stands very high in the estimation of the best judges —

6. One word in respect to the joint letter, & I would here include, if you please Br. T. & the others, which you were so good as to write us. I will simply say, that had you known more of the present state of mind of some of the individuals addressed, you would have been more guarded in some points — taking into view all the circumstances of the case; I will frankly say, that some things were injudicious, though they might not have been particularly so, had only a part of the individuals (whom I might name) been addressed — What my own views & feelings ~~was~~, as an individual, & the part which I took in relation to it, were, you may learn from Br. Smith when you see him, and I have not time to tell you now. — Br. Dickinson, in the last, seemed to have the impression, that we called in question your piety — I believe that none of the Br. here felt disposed to that in the least — I have authority to speak positively in respect to some of them, that they were far from it, & regretted exceedingly that you should have received such an impression. I suppose it must have been owing to an expression in Br. Schaeffer's letter, wh. was something like this; We have already got much theology as relig. &c. Now this expression was intended by Br. T. to apply only to ourselves, & not to you — I felt when I heard the letter, that this expression, however restricted in the mind of the writer, would naturally be understood as implicating you, & had I seen the letter before it was sent, should have objected to that expression. But be assured no such thing was intended by us — at least Br. T. said

sacrifice in order to spend a year here. That I should be highly gratified & much benefitted by spending some time there, I have no doubt. Surely if all the perplexing doctrines would be forced from difficulties by it, I should be willing to make some sacrifice. And I do not ~~yet~~ entirely give up the hope that I may yet spend a short time there, before I enter the field for life.

4. As to Dr. Tyler's strictures, I have not read them neither have I read Dr. T aylor. I seem to have stood alone here in that respect. I had so much to do that I could not enter into it thoroughly, & unless I do, I do not wish to at all. When Dr. Tyler came out, then the talk was, "Dr. T aylor is down" - but since Dr. T aylor has made his appearance again, they seem to think he has cleared himself - some are disposed to say that he has escaped only because he was so obscure before that Dr. Tyler could not understand him - how it is I pretend not to say - I can only say that so far as I have read Dr. T aylor I am pleased, and wish I could enjoy the benefits of his instruction -

5. I am happy to learn that you are not left without witnesses that God is merciful & gracious - You speak of ~~some~~ ^{three} conversions - even these are blessings above all value - May you have many more - But the great thing is a humble & devoted spirit, to sit at the feet of Jesus - I learn of him who was "meek & lowly of heart."

I rejoice to hear so interesting intelligence respecting the Christian Spec. - I regard the testimony of Judge Tucker in relation to the views it contains in that review of Taylor & Harney, as deserving of consideration, & as doing much to illustrate the

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Yours of Feb. 5, which, as you say,
tells "a brief story in a brief way," I will answer in "a brief
way!"

1. As to your things — I can find nothing of your 8 last nos. of Spirit Pilgrims — Saw Follett, a few days since, who says he delivered them regularly to Robbins while he was here. Your nos. of the Quarterly register & Journal I have (that is the 8th No which is all,) I have three Nos. Spirit Pilgrims — Memoirs of Wm. Hart & Leigh Richmond were returned by your Lib. E. Chafetz last term (as I understand) — where they are, I am not able to say. But I will state a fact which may give you some clue to them, viz. Smith says all your things, & Bro. Pittations which could be gathered together were boxed up & sent on some time ago to Farmington — I mistake, the things thus sent were B. I.'s, some of yours wight have been mingled with them. Wm. Hart was returned to Dana who had charge of your class, Dana is gone, his books were left with Labaree, & L. is gone so I can find nothing of them as yet. Will make further inquiry when L. returns.

2. You mourn that so many ~~are~~ ^{"should be"} feeding on husks & not know it; it is truly lamentable but, so it is - I have not attended much to Theol.^y this year, I have ^{been} otherwise occupied - have not even digested your long letter on Theol.^y yet - Should like to be able to enter the lists with the Infidel & Universalist, and fairly overthrow Horse & rider - But how shall I?

May '3. You advise me by all means to make almost any